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SUBJECT: MALAYSIA APPROVES EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS FOR  
MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATY

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Malaysian Foreign Ministry Senior Under Secretary (Americas, EU) Zainuddin Yahya, in a meeting with Polcouns on November 28, confirmed that the Malaysian Government approves of the language of the draft text of the Protocol of Exchange for the U.S.-Malaysia Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (reftel). Zainuddin provided Polcouns with a copy of Malaysia's instrument of ratification for the treaty, which consists of a one-page attestation by Foreign Minister Rais Yatim dated November 7, 2008. (Note: Embassy has sent the copy via email to EAP/MTS/Richhart and L/Buchholz. End Note.) Zainuddin stated that he would immediately forward the original instrument of ratification to the Malaysian embassy in Washington so that the instruments could be exchanged in Washington as soon as possible, ideally sometime in December, and thus bring the treaty into force.  
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